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¶1. (SBU) On February 6, Greek MFA NATO Division officer Andreas Kintis briefed polmiloff on the status of Greek efforts to work with NATO-aspirant members of the Southeast Europe Clearinghouse (SEEC). Following up on informal contacts from USEUCOM, Greek MFA and MOD officials reviewed the training requirements listed for Albania, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro on the SEEC website (www.mors.si/seec). Based on this review, Kintis said, Greece was prepared to offer training for Bosnia-Herzegovina armed forces personnel in "Civil-Military Cooperation" (listed at "02-2005-BiH" on the SEEC website) and in "Efficiency in Standard Computer Skills" (listed as "14-2005-BiH on the SEEC website). Additionally, Greece was prepared to offer training in "Defense Intelligence" (listed as "SN 09-2005-BiH on the SEEC website), but first needed to know how many personnel the Bosnians hoped to train.

¶2. (SBU) The training would take place at the Kilkis PfP Training Center for Multinational Peacekeeping Operations in Kilkis, in northern Greece. Greece was willing to consider taking part in other multinational training for SEEC NATO aspirant countries, Kintis said, but might not be able or qualified to take the lead on those efforts. He confirmed that the Greek embassy in Sarajevo would be in contact with the Bosnia-Herzegovina military about the details of the training offered.

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